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The Margaret Eaton School  
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Ivor Lewis, Esq.,  
Executive Office,  
The T. Eaton Company,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am enclosing a copy of the current issue of the Alumnae News Letter which gives some information concerning the school and the placing of our graduates. I thought that you might be interested in seeing this. The enrolment has continued to increase this year, the number of students at present being sixty-three. Our course of study remains practically the same with the exception of one new course in Appreciation of Music which is being taught by Mrs. Ogreta McNeill. She spent the month of September at camp with us and we were very much impressed by what she has to give the students. In place of Mr. Sterndale Bennett we are having Mrs. Dora Mavor Moore for Speech and for possible assistance with the Dramatic Club. The teacher whom we have had for Creative Dancing for a number of years, Miss Marion Hobday, is obliged to give up the work this year, and in her place we are employing Miss Alison Sutcliffe who has taught the dancing classes at the Conservatory of Music for a number of years and is well known in artistic circles.

These bits of information are in the way of a report of the school which I know you will be glad to have.

Very sincerely yours,

*Florence A. Somers*

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Once more we pause at the beginning of a new school year, to tell you of the new students, of the new positions held by graduates new and older, and to give you news of staff and graduate friends. The school is bigger than ever this year with thirty-four seniors and twenty-nine juniors. The juniors come from every province in the Dominion except Saskatchewan. (Saskatchewan is represented in the senior class.) From British Columbia come Jill Cavenagh of Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island and Ursula Forbes of Chemainus, Thetis Island; from Alberta we have Pauline Seller of Edmonton; Manitoba gives us Jean Finch of Winnipeg. Ontario is largely represented this year. There is Betty Craigie of Fort William, Margaret Drummond of Petrolia, Mary Shirton of Waterford, Ruth Scott of Welland, Anne Thomson of Niagara Falls, Nancy Gray, Barbara Halliday, Frances Kitchen, Florence Riley, Elizabeth Seccombe, Peggy Stewart and Gwynneth Thompson, all of Toronto, Evelyn Tindale of Hamilton, Norma Hansen of Brockville and Mary Thompson of Ottawa. Quebec is represented by Nancy McKean of Montreal and Betty Denovan of Asbestos. From New Brunswick we have Jean King of Fredericton, Sheila Ryan of Bathurst and Phyllis Gale of Rothesay; from Prince Edward Island, Anna Hughes of Charlottetown, and from Nova Scotia, Lois Creighton of Dartmouth and Eva Campbell of Halifax. Then to make our school really quite cosmopolitan we have Joyce O'Neill from England and Joan Fawcett from India.

## NEW POSITIONS AND CHANGES:

Y.W.C.A.'s

Halifax, N.S.  
Saint John, N.B.  
Toronto, Ont.  
Hamilton, Ont.  
Quebec, P.Q. (Assistant)  
Regina, Sask.  
Hamilton, Ont. (Assistant)  
Moncton, N.B.  
Quebec, P.Q.  
Moose Jaw, Sask.  
Winnipeg, Man. (Assistant)  
Kitchener, Ont.

Katharine Cumming '40  
Phyllis Dean '38  
Margaret Dunning '36  
Helen Hurd '36  
Margaret Jess '38  
Jess Loaring '39  
Peggy May '40  
Jessie McGibbon '40  
Jean Mooney '31  
Jean Morrison '40  
Bretta Powles '35  
Margaret Ross '38

Private Schools

Alma College, St. Thomas, Ont.  
Ottawa Ladies' College, Ottawa  
Edgehill School for Girls, Windsor, N.S.  
Riverbend School, Winnipeg, Man.  
Havergal College, Toronto  
Crofton House School, Vancouver, B.C.  
Loretto Day School, Toronto  
Halifax Ladies' College, Halifax, N.S.  
Taunton House School, Vancouver, B.C.  
St. Hilda's School, Calgary, Alberta  
St. Helen's School, Dunham, Que.  
King's Hall, Compton, Que.

Ann Bartlet '40  
Elizabeth Bleakney '40  
Marjorie Leonard '38  
Dorothy Lowman '36  
Barbara McArel '36  
Jean Meredith '40  
Shirley Muddiman '39  
Gwynneth Schenk '38  
Kathleen Staples '40  
Cecilie Swanson '40  
Maryon Weiss '40  
Mary Elizabeth Wright '37



Government Schools

Ontario Training School, Galt  
Oakwood Collegiate Institute  
(Substitute for one year)

Mary Adams '34  
Doris Weston '33

Student Teachers

Waterloo College, Waterloo, Ont.  
Holy Names College and St. Mary's Academy

Ruth Corner '39  
Marjorie Martin '38

Settlements

East End Day Nursery, Toronto  
St. Christopher House, Toronto  
Central Neighborhood House, Toronto

Diana Cameron '40  
Mary Walker '40  
Peggy Wilkin '40

## WHERE THE STUDENTS OF 1939-40 WORKED FOR PART OR ALL OF THE SUMMER:

Windsor, Ont., playground	A. Bartlet
Glen Bernard Camp	E. Bleakney
Rotary Camp, Bolton; East End Day Nursery, Toronto	D. Cameron
Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Camp for girls, Alberta	F. Greenway
Samaritan Club Camp, Jackson's Point	M. Lunan
Camp Ouareau in the Laurentians	J. MacMillan
Camp Memphremagog, Quebec	J. McGibbon
Summit Lake Camp, N.Y. (New York Y.W.C.A. Camp)	J. Meredith
The Gables, Barrie (Central Neighborhood House)	E. Seixas
St. Christopher House (Camp and City)	M. Walker
Treaty Point Camp, Lake of the Woods	M. Weiss
The Gables, Barrie	P. Wilkin
C.G.I.T. Camp, Alberta	R. Woodsworth

The Hole-in-the-Hedge, Meadowvale, Ont.	B. Anderson
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	J. Bertram
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	D. Buck
Treaty Point Camp	E. Cranston
Treaty Point Camp	M. Davis
Kamp Ko-Vu, Nova Scotia	G. Dickson
Camp Orendaga, London Y.W.C.A. Camp	J. Fellowes
Hastings Lodge, Bolton	L. Graham
Rainbow Haven (Fresh Aid Camp) Nova Scotia	A. Hatt
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	R. Hill
Camp Orendaga	A. Hutson
Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Camp	A. Jackson
C.G.I.T. Camp, Moose Jaw, Sask.	N. Johnson
Kiwanis Club Camp, Brantford; Moorlands, Lake Simcoe	B. Jones
Camp Dryades, Lake Simcoe	J. Kennedy
Camp Oconto	D. Leggett
Swimming Pool, Dartmouth, N.S.	J. MacIntosh
Glen Bernard Camp	L. Mackenzie
London, Ont., playground	S. Macklin
Camp Howell, Bolton	A. Manning
Camp Tanamakoon	B. Marshall
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	A. McDougall
Sherbourne Camp, Bolton	R. Milne
Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Camp	K. Mitchell
Camp Centennial, Lake Simcoe	J. Ottewell



Sherbourne Camp, Bolton  
 Camp KO-Ku, N.S.  
 Vancouver, B.C., playground  
 Camp Koolaree, B.C.  
 Guide Camp, Sydney, N.S.  
 Kiwanis Club Camp, Brantford  
 Camp Ovaissa, Hamilton Y.W.C.A. Camp  
 Holiday House, Centre Island; Sparrow  
 Lake Camp; Samaritan Club Camp

S. Shoebottom  
 Elise Smyth  
 Mary Sovereign  
 Helen Staples  
 Bette Thomas  
 Dorothy Walker  
 Elinor Wallace  
 Blanche Wellman

The long discussed change in the entrance requirements of The Margaret Eaton School has been made this year. Our calendar sent out in June announced that beginning in September 1941 students would be admitted only with Upper School standing, or its equivalent.

We believe that this is the time to launch this improvement successfully. It has been advised by our Alumnae Council, by our administrative and teaching staff, and by our friends in the University of Toronto. It will make our course equivalent in length to that of the similar course in McGill University.

While it may prevent a few promising candidates from entering the profession, it will on the whole vastly improve our output. This will be true not only because the graduate will have that extra year of education as a part of her equipment, but because with the additional year of study and maturity the student will benefit more from our own course of study. Also, the graduate who wishes to study further will be able to enter a university which has this higher requirement, or be a year nearer her degree if she studies in a university with junior matriculation entrance.

I hope that all of our graduates will be sympathetic with this change and will encourage promising young women to complete their senior matriculation in order to enter The Margaret Eaton School.

-Florence A. Somers

#### A SUMMER AT NATIONAL CAMP

For those of you who would like to widen your experience in camping and education in ideal surroundings, I should like to recommend a summer at National Camp, Sussex New Jersey.

National Camp is one of the four camps sponsored by Life Magazine, known as Life Camps. Two of the camps are for boys and one for girls. Most of the campers are underprivileged children from New York City, although a few of them are paying campers. The fourth and latest addition to Life Camps is National Camp, which is a camp for advanced leadership training. It offers a six weeks course given in co-operation with New York University. Those taking the course for credits are allowed six points. National Camp is on Lake Mashipacony in the Kittatinny Mountains, in a very wild and lovely part of the country. It had its beginning in July 1940, and it was very thrilling to be one of the first campers at a camp which shows promise of taking a very prominent part in American camping by working out a kind of education which will pre-



pure youth more adequately for the changing world of the future. The director of the four camps is Dr. L. B. Sharp who has been experimenting with the decentralized camp for some years in all three Life Camps. Some of you will remember hearing Dr. Sharp speak at the April meeting of the Canadian Camping Association in Toronto.

The plan carried out in Life Camps appears to be most successful. The interest, spirit of adventure, and co-operation among the campers were quite obvious. The fundamental points in this kind of camping are: (1) Living in small groups rather than taking part in mass activities. (2) A return to the more primitive type of camping. Adequate shelter and tools are provided, and the campers do everything else to make living in the out of doors comfortable and enjoyable. Activities which are done in the city have no part in this programme, but crafts and construction from natural materials are encouraged a great deal.

The campers live in groups of six or seven with two counsellors who are with the group most of the time. They have their little camp out in the woods away from the main dining room and lodge. The sleeping shelters are of various types, and are frequently designed and built by the children, more especially in the Boys Camps. Some were Indian tepees, some covered waggons, some Adirondack shelters, and some covered sleds. In this camp they built fire places of very original designs, eating table and benches, and a shelter and cupboard for kitchen equipment. There was a very complete set of tools in each of these little camps, and they acquired an appreciation of these tools as they learned to use them. Each camp had a small council fire where they gathered every night for pow-wow after they were ready for bed. During these pow-wows they planned their programme, discussed menus, told stories, read poetry and sang. It seemed that adjustment in this small group would be much easier for a child than in a very large group. Through her own particular responsibilities, which contributed to the welfare of the group, she soon felt herself to be a necessary part of it. They built all kinds of unique things and were excellent cooks. The group decided when they would cook their meals out and when they would eat in the dining room, with the exception of a few meals which were always eaten with the whole camp. There were a number of occasions on which they met with the whole camp or with other groups. The spare counsellors and director visited each group frequently. The success of this kind of camping depends very greatly upon the leadership. More is required of each counsellor than in the average centralized camp.

At National Camp, we carried through the small camp idea as much as possible, but with so much to cover in six weeks, we could not cook out as frequently. We lived in covered sleds, a sort of covered waggon on runners which was very dry and comfortable. It held two people. Like the campers, we erected kitchen shelters and fireplaces and cooked some meals there.

We had very interesting lecturers from all over the country who dealt with the various phases of camp administration and the decentralized plan. Dr. William C. Vinal was with us during the whole course and his exploration trips and talks were a great treat. Then too, we took part in much of the programme of all the Life Camps, so that we were able to observe the campers in a natural way, rather than as visitors. We had many trips to other camps and to interesting places in New Jersey.

There were thirty-four at National Camp, all a lot of fun and most interesting people. They were especially nice to the one foreigner from Canada. Altogether, it was a very happy summer and a grand opportunity for sharing the ideas of fifteen different states and one other country, with people who enjoy living in the out of doors

-Flora M. Morrison

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